Accord with Canada in regard to the Air Services

*204. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any accord in regard to the air services with Canada has recently been signed; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir,. An accord has been signed with the Government of Canada on 10th February, 1987.

(b) Air India have acquired access to Toronto without having to operate compulsorily to Montreal.

Air India have secured three points beyond Toronto.

Seating capacity entitlements for the two carriers have been rationalized.

A commercial arrangement has been signed between the two airlines in the event of unilateral operations by Air Canada to India.

Demands of the private bus operators under the DTC

*206. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the demands of the private bus operators under the DTC which prompted them to go on one day's token strike on the 12th January, 1987; and

(b) the action taken by Government on those demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The Private Operators had been demanding increase in the rate of hire-charges payable to them as revised on 8-1-1987.

(b) The operators have since accepted the revised rates.

Conversion of the Rupsa-Banipada-Bangriposi rail line into Broad Gauge

*209. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to convert the Rupsa-Banipada-Bangriposi narrow gauge line into Broad gauge line under the South Eastern Railway; and

(b) whether any survey was conducted for this purpose; if so, what is the result of the survey?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Survey for conversion of Rupsa-Bangriposi Narrow Gauge line into Broad Gauge was completed in 1981. The project was found to be financially unremunerative.

Road accidents in Delhi

*211. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:

SHRI TALARI MANOHAR:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether road accidents continue unabated in Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that such accidents are on the increase, partly due to the unplanned and unscientific construction of road dividers, high kerbs, too many traffic lights and speed-breakers in Delhi; and

(c) whether representative traffic Advisory Committees are proposed to be set up in the four Zones in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) The number of road accidents per thou-

sand vehicles in Delhi has shown a decline. Figures are as follows:

Year	Road accidents (Per 1000 vehicles)
1984	6.99
1985	6.60
1986	6.00

(c) Road Safety and Traffic Engineering Committee under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Delhi Administration coordinates the road-safety measures. There is no proposal for separate zonal committees.

Proposal changes in the service rules in the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

*213. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has recently introduced a scheme of regionalisation of recruitment, transfer, promotion and seniority for its employees;

(b) if so, whether such a scheme, if implemented, would result in apparent and glaring discrimination with regard to promotions, recruitments and seniority; and

(c) whether Government are aware of the dissatisfaction amongst the Employees' Associations in this regard, and if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) In the light of the management study of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan made by Indian Institute of Public Administration in 1983, the KVS has taken a series of measures for greater decentralisation.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Only one out of four asociations has expressed dissatisfaction. The Government is in favour of functional decentralisation.

Procurement of Westland helicopters from U.K.

*215. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of Westland helicopters which have been procured by Government from the U.K.;

(b) What are the terms and conditions for their procurement; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the West land helicopters are not found technically suitable and that different agencies are reluctant to accept these helicopters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) An agreement has been signed between the Helicopter Corporation of India and M/s Westland Helicopters Ltd. of the U.K. on the 15th of March, 1986. The main features of the agreement are:—

(i) Westland will supply a total package containing 21 Westland 30 Series 100-60 helicopters to an agreed equipment standard, together with necessary spare goods, engine spare goods and products support;

(ii) The fixed and firm price of the package is pound 65 million;

(iii) Finance for this project amounting to pounds 65 million is being provided by a grant aid from the Govt. of the UK.

(iv) The delivery of helicopters will commence in May, 1986 and the last helicopter will be delivered in February, 1988;

(v) M/s. Westland will provide a lumpsum payment of pound 10 million to be used as Operating Subsidy;

(vi) Spares and replacement will be provided for the entire life cycle of the helicopters;